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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-42, with out prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

--43. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises DNA having at least 87% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 180 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 21 to